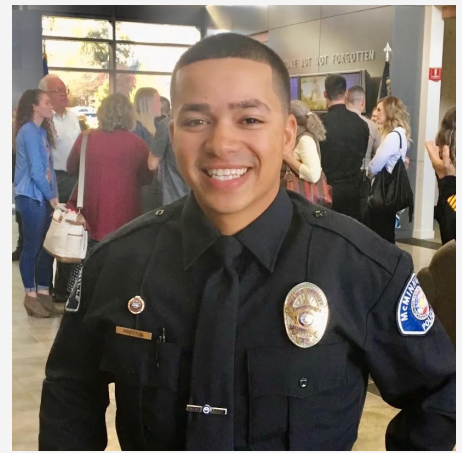




ANTHONY'S CIRCLE



Empowering Foster Youth through Oregon Public Education

WHAT'S WRONG:

Of the more than 12,00 Foster Care Youth in Oregon, only 35% graduate from high school.

WHAT CAN BE DONE:

Implement a full-time Educational Navigator in state middle and high schools dedicated to guide and support foster youth through an educational program, extra-curricular activities and by providing life skills on a consistent basis. Through this work, we will help build healthy, productive adults and leaders within our communities.

OUR MISSION:

We seek to establish and provide funding of \$750K for two years to implement a pilot project blending school-based programming with partner support. Through this program we believe we can achieve an 85% high school graduation rate.

OUR PARTNERS: *Self Enhancement Inc. and Alchemy*

Our work will begin at McDaniel High School as early as Fall 2024, then incorporate South Umpqua High School and Albany's Timber Ridge Middle School. Our aim is to increase attendance, improve behaviors, and increase credit attainment for Foster Care Youth through dedicated services. We will develop and leverage relationships with Coordinated Care Organizations, Mental & Behavioral Healthcare Providers and other regional service providers to ensure that foster youth receive these supports when needed. This project will include close partnerships with local schools, School Districts, ODHS, ODHS Caseworkers and Foster parents. The total funding will span two years and cover all three schools.

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